*Suddenly*
*from heaven*
*there came a sound*
*like the rush of a violent*
*wind, and it filled*
*the entire house*
*where they were sitting*
*Acts 2:2*

# Soundings

News and Information from the
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## Managing What Belongs To God

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Foster McCurley, retired Biblical Studies professor at Gettysburg Lutheran Seminary in Penn, says "Stewardship is managing what belongs to God: ourselves, the gospel, the world, our work, responsibility for our neighbor."

For McCurley, our Christian identity (made in God's image) shapes everything about our living. The invitation to steward what God has shaped in us is an invitation to live in the joy, gratitude and 'comedy' of God's abundance. Dr. Foster McCurley is the featured speaker at this year's stewardship seminar titled, "Today's Stewards – Biblical Images" on Saturday, Oct. 6, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood.

Registration opens at 8 a.m. with sessions starting at 9 a.m. (lunch included). In addition to Dr. McCurley's presentations seven breakout sessions including "Asian Perspectives on Stewardship" and "Kids and Stewardship" will be provided.

Register online at www.lutheransnw.org.

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## A Gathering of Shareholders

The Northwest Washington Synod Assembly instructed our Synod to create a committee to develop programs of Lay Theological Education.

The Committee has begun its work, but we want to do some things differently…The Committee wants to set-up a curriculum of lay education set by ministry and outreach needs that have been discerned by communities of faith and to use the enormous gifts of talented persons within our congregations (lay and ordained, theoretical and practical, generalists and specialists).

To do this we are holding a Gathering of Shareholders. Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, at Central Lutheran Church in Everett. (Lunch will be provided as well as daycare, if needed.)

Please pre-register so that we can share a place at the table: Dr. Roger Anderson, 911 Ninth St. Mukilteo, WA 98275 or email to laytheoed@lutheransnw.org.

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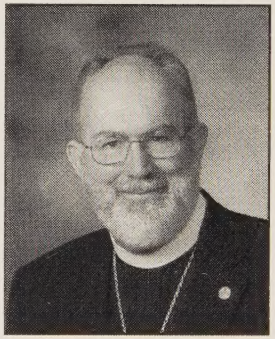
# A Word From The Bishop



The Reverend
Wm Chris Boerger

"You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."
**2 Timothy 2:1-2 NRSV**

The Lutheran Church traces its beginnings to a university professor. We have always had a strong commitment to education in our clergy and among the non-ordained members of our church. In our context of ministry Biblical literacy is distressingly limited. We engage in debates about issues in the world but often our debates sound more like the general populace rather than among people who are shaped by scripture and the Lutheran confessions.

At the 2003 Synod Assembly we set aside $270,000 for Lay Theological Education. A task force was appointed, chaired by Pastor Eldon Olson (ret.), to lead us to build up this aspect of our life together.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13, a *gathering of shareholders* will meet at Central Lutheran Church in Everett. This meeting is for: Cluster deans, Synod committee chairs, Synod Assembly survey respondents, synod council members, congregational educational leadership, Partners for Nurture committee members and Synod education committee members. The purpose is to outline the progress of the task force and to hear from those who are involved in the education ministry of this synod.

I want to encourage participation in this event. It is important that the work of the task force address the needs of the synod. I invite those who will be most supported by this effort to bring your perspective to our common work.

Martin Luther changed the church by putting the scriptures into the language of the people. This act demonstrated the fact that all of God's people are to be shaped and guided by their study of the Bible. We are also a church that expects that study of the Bible and of theology will be a community effort. All of Jesus disciples are to be equipped for living out the Gospel in their daily lives.

When the church had a greater role in the culture, we thought the job was being done for us through our congregational education programs and by the schools of the church. Today, we live in an apathetic culture when it comes to our theological perspectives. We believe that God wants more from us than just our personal opinions. God wants us to be engaged in a theological critique of our age and of ourselves. This can only be done when we are equipped to have the discussion.

In the face of this growing need, I want to commend the task force and to invite your participation. On Oct. 13 you can respond to the task force. From this meeting I pray you will find tools that will assist you in this important work.

# Sale of Parking Lot

## at Gethsemane Lutheran in Seattle

by Jean Anderson, member Gethsemane Lutheran in Seattle

**Editor's Note:** This article is an excerpt and is reprinted with permission from the monthly publication of Gethsemane Lutheran.

By now most of you know that the sale of the parking lot was completed on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007. On this date we immediately wired the proceeds to the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA. The proceeds were divided into three different funds:

- Gethsemane Mission Endowment Fund: $850,000 (10% of sale price).
- Gethsemane Continuing Ministries Fund: $3,125,000 (We will use interest from this fund to replace the income from the parking lot rent.)
- Gethsemane Capitol Improvement/Housing Fund: $4,225,000

The total comes to $8.2 million. These accounts will pay interest to Gethsemane every three months.

The proceeds of the sale, after deducting all of the closing costs, were $8,270,000. The remaining $70,000 was wired directly to the Gethsemane banking account to cover immediate needs and help pay back money we borrowed from ourselves over the past few years.

This day was the culmination of over three years of meetings, consultations, studies, decisions, negotiations, special congregational meetings, special Council meetings, reports, and more meetings. The GLAD II Committee held its organizational meeting on June 16, 2004. Over three years later we have accomplished our goal.

As big as this day was, our congregation has an even bigger task now as we gather together and make many decisions about our future. It will be a time to reflect on our past and the wisdom of our forebears and to thank God for all the blessings bestowed on Gethsemane. It will also be a time for new ideas, energy, and decisions about our future in downtown Seattle. It is a poignant time for Gethsemane as we wrestle with thoughts of our past, present, and future all at the same time.

# Working With Gethsemane

## Mission Investment Fund

It wasn't too long into the process after interviewing several financial institutions that Gethsemane, Lutheran Church in Seattle, decided to invest the money they would receive from the sale of their parking lot with the ELCA. "It was after prayerful consideration," said Ruth Pipe, one of the endowment committee members who drafted the original documents. "We knew we wanted our money invested, used for mission and ministry, for the sake of the gospel." "It was also important for us to

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know that our money was invested in socially responsible funds", added Ray Hedberg, committee member. "We also knew that by investing with the Mission Investment Fund that our money would be used to loan money to build Lutheran congregations, camps, seminaries, colleges and homes for the aging. It is also the only place new mission congregations can go to borrow money to build. I felt confident, as I am impressed with the quality of leadership of the ELCA, from Bishop Hanson, to Bishop Boerger, I know the ELCA, it is the best place for our money to do good ministry."

After Gethsemane's endowment committee, finance committee and church council had several meetings with Rev. Arlyn Saathoff, (now retired) ELCA Foundation; David Swartling, ELCA Foundation and now newly elected Secretary for the ELCA; and Margie Fiedler, ELCA Mission Investment Fund, the congregation voted to put into their documents that all money from the sale would be invested with the ELCA.

Gethsemane Lutheran certainly did their homework, due-diligence and worked hard, to come up with the best plan for the congregation. Was there a lot of discussion? Oh yes! The questions were good and endless! Could they set the accounts up to pay bills each month? (After all they needed to replace the money from the income previously received from the parking lot.) YES! Would their investment be safe? Backed by assets more then required by other financial institutions, the council knew their investment was safe. But could we make more money with another financial institution? Well possibly came the answer, yet when all was said and done, Gethsemane voted to invest in mission and ministry, a portion invested with the Endowment Fund Pooled Trust of the ELCA, for establishing a permanent endowment, and the remainder with the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, money that is easily accessible to be used for the ministry endeavors that Gethsemane will take on.

Gethsemane investment has already made possible a $1.1 M loan to a new mission congregation, with a three percent interest rate; a camp received a loan for $1.8 M to preserve wilderness from commercial development; and a congregation received a $2.7M loan to expand. In the name of Gethsemane Lutheran, ministry is happening. Thanks be to God!

Prayerfully consider investing, whether you have $25 or several million, know that your money will grow for you, while it is used for ministry. Learn more about investing; starting a congregational endowment; and how you can be a part of this important ministry…for the sake of the gospel.

## Working With Gethsemane

For more information on how you as an individual or congregation can invest and for information on loans, contact Margie.fiedler@elca.org, 208-664-7973; or call the ELCA at 1-800-NET-ELCA to reach the ELCA Foundation, or the Mission Investment Fund.

## Third Annual Men's Day

The Third Annual Men's Day will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Camp Lutherwood on Lake Samish near Bellingham. This event will be a combination workshop and work party.

Beginning at 9a.m. our workshop will present a video by David Morrow author of *Why Men Hate Going to Church*. David is one of the featured speakers at the August LMM Gathering in Chicago this summer.

Several points of discussion during this workshop will attempt to answer:

1. Why 5.5 million women in the USA worship without their spouses.
2. Why the gap between men and women worshiping in mainline churches has been growing wider for the last 50 years.
3. The ratio of men to women in mainline congregations was 48/52% in 1952. And why today: less than 38% of adults worshiping in ELCA congregations are male).
4. Why men age 18-34 are the most un-churched group in America

After lunch we will have the opportunity to tour Camp Lutherwood and then participate in several small work projects.

Lunch will be provided - a suggested freewill offering of $10 will be taken to cover the meal cost. Please register on-line at http://www.ourmim.org/events.html. For more information phone Ron Sailer at 360-658-0461.

## International Day of Prayer

Dr. Jürgen Moltmann, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology (University of Tübingen, Germany) and one of the leading theological thinkers of our time, will be in the Seattle arer. He is scheduled to give a lecture at Pacific Lutheran University on Monday, October 22 in Chris Knutzen Hall (University Center). The lecture will start at 7:30 PM and is entitled, "In the End Is the Beginning: Christ's Resurrection and the Resurrection of the Flesh." According to Dr. Samuel Torvend, from the PLU Religion Department, the lecture is open to the public and free.(Dr. Moltmann is also scheduled to give lectures at Seattle University [Tuesday, October 23] and at Seattle Pacific University [Wednesday, October 24]. For more information, please contact either school.)

## Open Door Ministries Auction

This year's Open Door Ministries Auction will take place from 5 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10, at the Lynnwood Convention Center in Lynnwood. Costs is $65 per person or $650 for a table (10 people).

## Workshop For Financial Leaders

All financial leaders of your congregation are invited to participate at a workshop presented by the Synod Finance Committee. Treasurers, financial secretaries, bookkeepers, finance committee members and pastors are encouraged to attend.

This financial workshop will be held on Saturday, October 27, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Shoreline (14514 20th Ave NE, Shoreline; 206-363-8100).

Registration and coffee will start at 8:30 a.m. The workshop will begin promptly at 8:50 a.m. and end at noon. To register, please download the registration form available on the synod website at www.lutheransnw.org/calendar.

The program will include presentations and discussions on financial policies, controls, audits, financial reporting, budgets, payroll and taxes as they relate to congregations. Some of the discussion will expand on the information included in the Region 1 Congregational Treasurer's Handbook, which your congregation should have. Please bring this handbook with you to the workshop.

If there are specific topics you would like to have discussed, please let us know as soon as possible. We also plan on having a sharing time between treasurers so you can find out what is working in other congregations. For more information please email Janet Shadle at jesgetc@aol.com.

## Thanks

**From Camp Lutherwood**

Thank you to the congregations (and individuals) that "adopted" one of our staffers for the summer. We appreciate how you extended God's hospitality to these fine servants. Pat yourselves on the back – our arms don't reach quite that far!! Grace, Bellevue; Camano, Camano; Shepherd of the Hills, Issaquah; Doriane Gunnels, Ferndale; Our Savior, Everett; Holy Cross, Snohomish; Peace, Seattle; Anacortes, Anacortes; Our Saviour's, Arlington; St. Luke, Bellevue; First Lutheran, Bothell; Trinity, Freeland; Diane and Dick Chapman, Shoreline; First of Richmond Beach, Shoreline; Central, Everett; Prince of Peace, Everett; Central, Bellingham; Christ, Ferndale; Zion, Custer; Faith, North Lakewood; St. John, Bellingham; Lutheran Church of the San Juans; Edison, Bow; Immanuel, Everson; Holy Trinity, Mercer Island.

## Stories To Tell — Gifts To Share

You are invited to network with people who share a similar ministry—print and e-news options. We have "Stories To Tell". Choose from one of two dates:

- Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 11:30 a.m. at Burlington Lutheran Church in Burlington
- Tuesday, Nov. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland

This is a special invitation to congregation communication leaders, administrators, secretaries, web masters and newsletter editors. You will join colleagues in ministry at a luncheon where you will network, share ideas and gain some pointers for your work in "telling the story". Bring a sample of your ideas to share.

The conversation will feature Margit Peiffle, Synod Communications Administrator, and Rev. Philip Reitz, ELCA Deployed Stewardship Staff. Don't miss this exciting event. There will be food, prizes and helpful information.

Please RSVP to Janet Nelson at 206-624-0093, ext. 103; 1-800-755-5831, ext. 103; or email jnelson125@hotmail.com.

This event is hosted by the Northwest Washington Synod Stewardship Team and funded by a Mission Interpretation Grant from the EOCM Program Unit of the ELCA.

## Taste of Tanzania

Come and enjoy the sights, stories and food of Tanzania at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Everett.

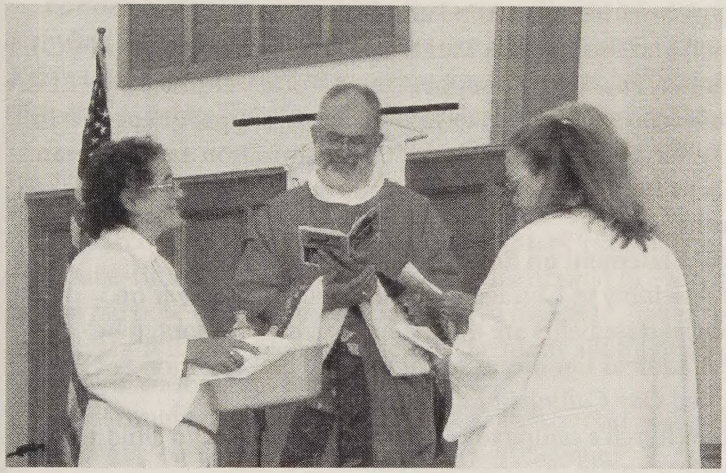
At 3 p.m. there will be a time for conversation and to see how area congregations have been involved in projects in Tanzania.

At 4 p.m. begins an evening program with music and updates on ministries in Tanzania. Special guest is Deana Miller who will share the latest on the work of Operations BOOTSTRAP Africa.

To end the festivities, at 5 p.m., there will be an African Dinner with authentic East African food.

For further information please contact Jack Kelly or Kathy Ostlund at 425-252-0413.

# Troy Faith Consecrated



On Sunday, Sept. 9, Troy Faith Ward was consecrated as a Diaconal Minister. She is shown here (left) receiving the symbols of ministry (wash basin and towel). Bishop Chris Boerger is in the center with Debi Covert-Bowlds on the far right.

# Event For Small Congregations

The Summer Collegium, a project in support of small congregations, is now accepting applications for the Summer 2008 event, which will take place at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, VA, from June 25-July 3, 2008.

This nine-day, all expenses paid conference for clergy and their spouses or partners is open to those who pastor small congregations (100 or fewer average Sunday attendance) and are committed to small church ministry. Singles and non-ordained pastors are welcome to apply for one of the 25 openings. The conference consists of keynotes and workshops on all aspects of small church ministry, with a special emphasis on worship and preaching.

Keynotes include Tony Pappas, who has written extensively on small church life, and Peter Bush and Christine O'Reilly, authors of the new book *Where 20 or 30 are Gathered: Leading Worship in the Small Church*. John Bell of the Iona Community in Scotland will be our music leader. This is an ecumenical project sponsored by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

Applications may be downloaded from our website, www.vts.edu/education/collegium, or contact Marilyn Johns (mjohns@vts.edu or 703-461-1760); applications must be postmarked by December 15, 2007.

# State Advocate's Corner

**by David Coombs**

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Greetings. A brief introduction. I am the new assistant for Administration and Programs at Lutheran Public Policy Office (LPPO), working with Rev. Paul Benz to support the advocacy efforts of the ELCA in the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to your generous support I am able to stay at LPPO after a year of service with the organization as a Lutheran Volunteer Corps Intern. I look forward to working with you in the coming months.

**New Social Statement on Education.** In August, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Chicago adopted a social statement on education. Social statements are the major documents adopted by the ELCA that address significant social issues. The Education Social Statement, titled *Our Calling in Education*:

- Affirms the church's calling to communicate the faith to children and youth at home and in the congregation;
- Commits the church to advocate for equitable access to excellent education for all young people;
- Commits the church to sustain and strengthen its early childhood education centers, schools, colleges and universities, and seminaries;
- Supports public colleges and universities and affirms the presence of ELCA campus ministries on those campuses.

This statement will provide guidance to LPPO and the other advocacy ministries of the ELCA as we speak on behalf of God's people in the public sphere. The statement is also a great text to study with your congregation to become more familiar with the important role education plays in our faith and the common good. The social statement is available online at http://www.elca.org/socialstatements

**Beyond the Band-Aid: Charity, Justice and the Call of Faith**, a Conference to educate and mobilize individuals and the community to address systemic issues of hunger and poverty in South King County will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Oct 13, at Kent Lutheran in Kent. Planned by a coalition of south King County religious leaders and funded by a grant from the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, the event is open to all who are concerned about poverty and hunger in our communities. A panel of state, county and local elected leaders will share their views on "What will it take to reduce hunger and poverty in South King County". After an afternoon keynote address "Challenge to Action" by Nancy Amidei from the School of Social Work, University of Washingotn, there will be seven "Call to Action" workshops for conference participants. Register for this free event at 206-464-4133 or by email (hungerforum@gmail.com).

# Synod Evangelism Grant Opportunity

***Editor's Note:*** *This is the letter that was mailed to all congregations in early July. Please note, the deadline for grant submission is Monday, Oct. 1, 2007. A grant application form can be found at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Calendar. The grant is listed under the deadline of October 1, 2007.*

**Greetings to all congregations of the NW WA Synod,**

In March 2007, ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson announced that a one-time $10,000 grant was being distributed to every synod for the purpose of "evangelical outreach". This letter invites your congregation to apply for a portion of the funds allotted to the Northewst Washington Synod.

Every congregation of the NW Washington Synod is eligible. Criteria for receiving one of the grants include the following:

1. Grant monies are to be spent on projects that proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
2. Applications must include a clear plan and timeline
3. Applications made by multiple churches working together are given preference, and awards may be up to $1,000 per participating congregation.
4. All projects must be begun and an initial report on outcomes submitted by May 1, 2008

Please recognize that, for the good of the whole church, creativity in these projects is being encouraged. Preference is also given to those who use this money to explore methods of evangelism that are new to them. Reports from grant recipients will be compiled and presented at the synod assembly so that all might benefit from these explorations.

Applications should be limited to the space provided on the one-page application form, and returned to the Evangelism Grant Task Force no later than October 1, 2007. All applications will be reviewed and monies awarded by November 1, 2007. Questions about the process may be directed to any task force member, or to Kathryn Buffum at kathrynbuffum@hotmail.com.

Please forward this letter and application to the appropriate parties in your congregation. Even if you do not apply, we ask your prayers for all the congregations of the synod, that we might be bold in our efforts to share the good news of Jesus Christ!

Thank you,

**Northwest Washington Synod Evangelism Grant Task Force**

Glenn Ryder, Sue Giaimo, Donna Morris, Dick Wendt, Kathryn Buffum.

## News and Notes

- What's Going On' A Marvin Gaye Inspired Eucharist for peace, accompanied by Marvin Gaye's ground breaking album of the same name at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 27, at **Church of the Beloved,** 8330 212th St. SW Edmonds. More information available at www.belovedschurch.org
- For the past seven years **Lutheran Community Services Northwest** has asked residents of Washington's South King County, community partners, and supporters to "imagine an intergenerational, multicultural human services campus where 'community happens'" That dream was realized this summer with the opening of the LCS Community Services Building, the final stage of The Village at Angle Lake project. To learn more about this project, visit http://www.lcsnw.org/news/spotlight10.html
- October 14-21 is Trade Week of Action. The Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance has developed a resource guide to help people take action on trade issues. It includes stories, action ideas, Biblical reflections and tips for campaigning. Order or download a copy of the resource guide and learn how you can take steps to make a difference.

## Update

### Board of Pensions

- **2008 Contribution Rates Finalized**—As you prepare next year's budgets, please use 2008 ELCA contribution rates. Find finalized rates for your geographic area at www.elcabop.org/BenefitsAdmin/Budgeting_benefits/Contribution_rates.aspx. Also, calculators to figure contribution amounts, defined compensation and total compensation are available at https://www.elcabop.org/calculators.aspx.
- **New. Earn a Two Percent Discount on 2008 Health Care Contributions**—Next year, and next year only, you can help earn a 2% discount on the health portion of ELCA contribution rates for all of 2008. Learn more at www.elcabop.org/BenefitsAdmin/Plan_chgs_employer/2_percent_discount.aspx.
- **Full-time Student Health Coverage**—If your child recently graduated from high school or college or is a full-time college student, please contact the ELCA Board of Pensions to find out about her or his health coverage options. Learn about eligibility at: https://www.elcabop.org/ManageMyLifeChanges/Child_going_to_college.

# Within Our Family

To Keep In Our Prayers...

**We continue to hold in our prayers:**

- † **The Rev. John Ericksen and his wife, Marita**
- † **The Rev. Ed Kasten (ret.)**
- † **The Rev. Robert V. Rieke (ret.)**
- † **The Rev. Norris Stoa (ret.)**
- † **The Rev. Paul Wuest**

**We pray for:**

† In early August, **Janet Recher, wife of Pastor John Recher (ret.),** fell and broke a bone and is at home healing for the next five weeks. Cards may be sent to her at 9064 Loyal Ave NW, Seattle WA 98117.

† In late August, **Linda Petrasek, wife of the Rev. Phil Petrasek, pastor at Christ Lutheran in Ferndale,** was diagnosed with breast cancer. We join them in prayers as she undergoes further tests to determine the extent of the cancer and the protocol for treatment. Cards may be sent to: Phil and Linda Petrasek, c/o Christ Lutheran Church, PO Box 845 Ferndale, WA 98248-0845.

† On August 31, the **Rev. R. Peter Anderson (ret.)** died at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland. He was a member at Our Savior, Issaquah. Pastor Anderson served at Mt Si and then as visitation pastor at Our Savior. He is survived by his wife Nancy. Please hold the family in prayer. The memorial service was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Issaquah, on September 7. Cards may be sent to: Nancy Anderson, 12702 – 470th Ave SE, North Bend, WA 98045.

† In early Setpember, **the Rev. Charles Davis (ret.)** was diagnosed with stage-four cancer. He is upbeat about the prognosis but requests your prayers for healing. Cards may be sent to: The Rev. Charles R. Davis, 18227 NE 176th St, Woodinville WA 98072.

† We hold **Bill France, husband of the Rev. Sarah France of Morning Star Lutheran in Monroe, and Mary Swanson** in prayer for a successful surgery on October 1. Bill is donating a kidney to Mary, a young mother of two.The family attends Morning Star Lutheran in Monroe where Bill's wife Sarah is pastor. Mary has been on daily dialysis for four years. Throughout three months of rigorous testing Bill was found to be in extremely good health and is thrilled to provide the gift of life to Mary through the Swedish Hospital Transplant Program. Thanks be to God.

† **The Rev. Roger Patrow (ret.)** of Mount Vernon for continued healing.

† **The Rev. Erik Kindem** who underwent an appendectomy surgery on Sept. 19.

***Within Our Family*** depends upon you—not only for prayers, but also for your prayer requests. Contact the synod office with any additions or changes to this column at office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292, toll free 1-800-244-6997. This newsletter is shared among many people. The synod tries to limit personal information on the prayer list. Please consider contacting those on this list to let them know that you are holding them in your prayers.

## Swartling as ELCA Secretary

David D. Swartling, former vice president of the synod an a Seattle trial lawyer, was elected Aug. 11 to a six year term as secretary of the ELCA at the church body's 2007 Churchwide Assembly. There will be a special "sending" service for David and his wife Barabar at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct 20, at Gethsemane Lutheran in Seattle.

### Northwest Washington Synod Transitions

| | Location/Event | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|
| **Calls Accepted** | | |
| John M Bjorge | First Richmond Beach, Shoreline | 9/16/2007 |
| Kathryn Buffum | St. Matthew, Renton | 9/16/2007 |
| Jan M Cherry, Diaconal Minister | School of Theology and Ministry Seattle University | 9/15/2007 |
| Conrad Tollefson | Prince of Peace, Seatac | 9/11/2007 |
| Troy Faith Ward, Diaconal Minister | Josephine Sunset Home, Stanwood | 9/9/2007 |
| **Death** | | |
| Gerald Sundby (ret) | Everett, WA | 7/31/2007 |
| R. Peter Anderson | Kirkland, WA | 8/31/2007 |
| **Installations** | | |
| John M Bjorge | Firsh Richmond Beach, Shoreline | 10/27/2007 |
| Kathryn Buffum | St. Matthew, Renton | 9/16/2007 |
| Kristy Daniels | Steadfast Love, Compass Center, Seattle | 9/16/2007 |
| Darla DeFrance | Lutheran Volunteer Corps, Seattle | 10/28/2007 |
| Julie G. (Martin) Hutson | Lutheran Youth of North Seattle | 9/23/2007 |
| **Ordinations/Commissionings** | | |
| Jan M Cherry, Diaconal Minister | Bethany, Seattle | |
| Troy Faith Ward, Diaconal Minister | Our Saviour's. Stanwood | 9/9/2007 |
| **Retirement** | | |
| Richard V. Anderson | Monroe, WA | 10/1/2007 |
| **Resignations** | | |
| Marillyn Schultz Rothermel | First, Bothell | 8/17/2007 |
| Michael Schultz Rothermel | First, Bothell | 8/17/2007 |

*Editor's Note: For the most up-to-date listing of transitions and mobility please visit our website at www.lutheransnw.org and click on Leadership. That website page is updated weekly, when necessary.*

*(Transitions can be found on page 14.)*

## Northwest Washington Synod Mobility

| In Call Process | Position | Status | Current Pastor, Interim Pastor, or Supply Pastor |
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| Bothell, First Evangelical | PR | TR | Doug Stensby, Interim |
| Everett, Faith | PR | P | Dick Wendt, Interim |
| Everett, Trinity | PR | TR | Chris Anderson, Interim |
| Everett, Zion | PR | TR | Stuart Lundahl, Interim |
| Issaquah, Our Savior | A/SP | C | Larry Thomas, Lead Pastor |
| Kirkland, Holy Spirit | A | P | Mike Anderson, Lead Pastor; Kathryn Buffum, Interim |
| Maple Valley, Shepherd of the Valley | PR | I | Woody Carlson, Interim |
| Marysville, Bethlehem | PR | TR | Bill Walles, Pastor; Neil Snider, Interim |
| Mercer Island, Holy Trinity | PR | TR | Paul Fauske, Co-Pastor; Kathleen Anderson, Interim Co-pastor |
| Point Roberts, Trinity | PR | C | Supply |
| Seattle, Calvary | PR | TR | Supply |
| Seattle, Crown | PR | NV | Dan Selmann, Interim |
| Seattle, Luther Memorial | PR | TR | Karen Hanson, Interim |
| Seattle, St. Paul's of Shorewood | PR | TR | Supply |
| Stanwood, Freeborn | PR | TR | Supply |
| Woodinville, Wooden Cross | PR | C | Tim Wolbrecht, Interim |

**Mobility Position Key:**

PR = Pastor
A = Associate
AIM = Associate in Ministry
DM = Diaconal Minister
A/SP = Associate with Special Emphasis contact Synod Office)

**Mobility Status Key:**

I = Interviewing
C = Calling
NV = New Vacancy
V = Vacancy
SC = Synod Call
TR = Transition process
P = Profile presented (receiving nominations)
TR/DO = Div for Outreach Transformation Process

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